

**REMARKS**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed on July 30, 2004. Claims 2, 5, 6, 9-11, 14-20, 22 and 25-32 are pending and claims 2, 5, 6, 9-11, 14, 20 and 32 have been cancelled without prejudice to filing a continuation application. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowed subject matter in claims 15-19, 22, and 25-31. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in complete condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the application in this regard.

Claims 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,786,183 (Cadeo). Claim 32 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,227,698 (Muntener). Applicants have cancelled each of the rejected claims. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejections be withdrawn.

Applicants have made a bona fide effort to respond to each and every requirement set forth in the Office Action. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is submitted to be in complete condition for allowance and, accordingly, a timely notice of allowance to this effect is earnestly solicited. In the event that any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicants do not believe fees are due in connection with filing this communication. If, however, any fees are necessary as a result of this communication, the

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under-payment or fees associated with this communication or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,  
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